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For: FIXING ASSEMBLIES AND)
METHODS)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2005, the following remarks are submitted.

The aforementioned Official Action indicates that the claims in this application are directed to two difference inventions. As identified in the Official Action, the two inventions are as follows.

Group I invention defined in Claims 1-10, 16 and 17.

Group II invention defined in Claims 11-15.

Based on the observation that the two inventions are distinct from one another, a restriction requirement has been imposed requiring an election of one of the two inventions.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the Group I invention as defined in Claims 1-10, 16 and 17.

The election of the Group I invention is made with traverse because it is believed that with respect to the Group I and Group II inventions the claims can be

examined at the same time without serious burden. While it is recognized that the Group I and Group II inventions may be separately classified, it is believed that the search required for the elected invention set forth in Claims 1-10, 16 and 17 would likely extend into those areas where the non-elected Group II invention would be searched.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of the claims in both groupings of claims, including Claims 1-10, 16 and 17 directed to the elected invention, are respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with the application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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